PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is conducting its 100th year of volunteer service to America; and

WHEREAS, year after year the organization continues to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by maintaining memorials to their service and sharing their history with our nation's youth so that what our nation's veterans have done for America will not be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, the Ladies Auxiliary VFW supports the troops currently deployed overseas; and

WHEREAS, the 500,000 members represent the families of those who have served or are currently on foreign soil protecting our freedom; and

WHEREAS, members volunteer nearly two million hours in Veterans
Affairs Medical Centers and other hospitals throughout this country; and

WHEREAS, the organization provides awards and scholarships to students based on their expressions of patriotism through art, speech, and volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, the 2013-14 National President, Armithea Borel, is rallying Ladies Auxiliary members behind her theme, "Keeping America's Veterans and Families Strong";

NOW THEREFORE, I, Miro Weinberger, Mayor of the City of Burlington, do hereby proclaim that the week of August 26 - 30, 2013 be declared

"KEEPING AMERICA'S VETERANS AND FAMILIES STRONG" WEEK

in honor of National President Armithea Borel and all members of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW for their outstanding volunteer service to veterans and their families, to the City of Burlington, Vermont, and to our great country.

Miro Weinberger

Mayor